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SUBJECT: **UPDATE ON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR HIV/AIDS PREVENTION AND TREATMENT SERVICES DELIVERY IN SERVICE PLANNING AREA 1**

On November 12, 2008, your Board adopted a motion by Supervisor Antonovich that instructed the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH) to conduct a Request for Proposals (RFP) to locate interested providers for services previously provided under the Antelope Valley Hope Foundation's contract, and report back to your Board in thirty days to give a status report on the RFP's progress. On December 22, 2008, your Board was provided with an update on ongoing efforts by the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) to address problems in the continuum of HIV prevention, care, and treatment services in Service Planning Area (SPA) 1. This is to provide an update of these efforts.

RFP Update

Below is the revised timeline for the release of the RFP and the commencement of new contracts:

ACTIVITY	DEADLINE
RFP Development	May 31, 2009
RFP Release Date	June 1, 2009
Proposals Due Date	August 14, 2009
Review of Proposals	August 17, 2009 – September 15, 2009
Funding Recommendation Announcement	September 28, 2009
Contract Negotiations	October 6, 2009 – December 15, 2009
New Contract(s) Start	March 1, 2010

OAPP is on target to release the RFP by June 1, 2009. In addition, the scope of the RFP was expanded to include a re-solicitation of all HIV care and treatment services in SPA 1. The Commission on HIV has also collaborated with OAPP in planning and developing funding allocations to address the needs of residents with HIV in SPA 1. This approach will allow for the creation of a comprehensive model of HIV care and treatment services delivery that specifically addresses the unique needs and challenges of SPA 1 residents.

Addressing Existing Problems

In addition to developing the new RFP, OAPP has been taking steps to address many of the challenges identified in the delivery of HIV services in SPA 1. Some of the steps being taken by OAPP include:

Psychiatric Services: High Desert Health System (High Desert) had expressed the need for additional funding to increase the availability of psychiatric services from one day per week to two days per week. OAPP and High Desert staff reviewed and discussed OAPP's ongoing allocation of funds to support psychiatric services at High Desert. It was determined that OAPP's current allocations were sufficient enough to provide psychiatric services two days per week, and High Desert is proceeding with securing the personnel needed to provide psychiatric services two days a week.

Clinical Supervision: OAPP had identified the need for the Catalyst Foundation to increase its capacity to provide HIV clinical supervision. Following this assessment, OAPP recommended additional funding to the Catalyst Foundation to increase HIV-specialist clinical supervision to a mid-level HIV/AIDS practitioner. This recommendation was approved in February by your Board effective March 1, 2009.

Dental Services: OAPP continues to work with AIDS Project Los Angeles to identify local dental care providers willing to participate in the service delivery system.

Client-Centered Care: OAPP is developing plans to provide a series of seminars for SPA 1 service providers on the treatment and management of HIV disease, client diversity, and client-centered care. These seminars will be conducted after securing service contracts resulting from the RFP in development.

HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) Services: As a result of an RFP issued in the summer of 2008, two new providers of HCT services have been identified: Catalyst Foundation and AIDS Project Los Angeles. Upon completion of contract negotiations, these providers are anticipated to start providing services on July 1, 2009. Additionally, beginning in January 2008, OAPP has assigned one of its HIV counselors to provide HCT services in SPA 1. As a result of these actions, the Antelope Valley will have three HCT providers dedicated to serving SPA 1 residents.

Prevention Services: As a result of the RFP for Health Education / Risk Reduction services released in the June 2008, OAPP is in the process of identifying new providers of HIV prevention services in Los Angeles County. OAPP expects that new contracts for prevention services in SPA 1 will be considered by the Board in June 2009, with an effective date of July 1, 2009.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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